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A brother from Indiana from whom we received the first order for extra copies of this special number writes: "Send me 100 copies of the 'Doctrinal Number' as soon as they are ready for mailing." Other orders are coming in. This number will be issued May 7. Don't forget to tell us how many extra copies you will want. This opportunity may not be extended to you after May for a couple of years at the least. Send in your orders at once.

The S. S. Supplies

This week we are making a strong effort to mail all the S. S. Supplies. We trust that they will reach you all by Saturday.

If any school does not receive the goods you have ordered, by a week from next Saturday please write us and we will re fill the order. We are anxious to receive your money, but none the less anxious to have you receive the goods you pay for. As previously explained, these goods would all have been mailed sooner, had our work not been hindered by the late arrival of the new gasoline engine, we were compelled to purchase.

Those "Dec. 02" Labels

We have had some requests to correct peoples' labels recently. They say they are paid to Jan. 1, 1903 and our label says to Dec. 02. Please bear in mind this one point: Whenever your label bears only the month and the year as Dec. 02, your subscription expires with the end of the month, and not the beginning. Then you can see how Dec. 02 extends up to New Years. We thank you for your inquiries and trust we may be thoroughly understood.

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A number of orders for Brother Holsinger's History have been received and the books have been ordered from the Publishers. Many more copies will be disposed of soon. This is a good time to read. Why not get your book now and read it before the busy spring work opens up? You all mean to have the book. Our last announcement was misunderstood by some people. We are not running opposition to any of Brother Holsinger's other agents and in order to make our position clear to every one, we can furnish the book only on these terms: Any one sending us \$4.00 cash will have their subscription to the EVANGELIST extended one year from date of expiration and receive the Holsinger History bound in cloth, postpaid. Or \$4.50 cash will extend your EVANGELIST one year and bring to you, postpaid, the book in leather binding. Address all orders to, Brethren Publication Board.

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Personal Mention

Brother Melvin Kerr, Bryan, Ohio, reports one accession at that place, and an encouraging outlook.

Brother Jasper N. Perry asks us to announce his change of address from St. John, Kansas, to Dodge City, Kansas.

Brother Lyon recently baptized and received into fellowship four persons, and reports two more applicants for baptism.

Brother G. W. Rench, Goshen, Indiana, was recently treated to a very agreeable surprise, one which he and wife thoroughly enjoyed.

Brother J. I. Hall will be pastor of the church at Lydia, Md., for the balance of the year, and has changed his address from Harrisonburg, Va. to Lydia, Md.

Brother Bemenderfer and family, of Goshen, Indiana, who take charge of the College Hall April 1, are expected to arrive at Ashland Thursday of this week, March 27.

Thru Sister Snyder we learn that the German Baptist Brethren are building a College in Canton, Ohio. That city is a good point for the Brethren and should not be neglected any longer.

Two church dedications are announced in this issue, one at Syracuse to take place April 6 by brother C. F. Yoder; the other at Moxham, Pa., on the same day by brother I. D. Bowman.

In ordering literature for the second quarter Brother Frame, North Liberty, Indiana, writes, We had to increase our order, school is growing and everything is coming our way, good attendance at church and prayer services.

Brother Lee Hammer, Waynesboro, Va., in sending one dollar for the College Insurance Fund,

writes that he thinks that point a very good one for a Brethren church, and then adds, "We must have one, and by God's help will have one."

Brother Shively writes: Brother Darling closed his meeting at Ripon, March 16, after three weeks' work, with twelve additions. This is almost wonderful to us, and we are full of rejoicing over the victory. Brother Darling is indeed a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. His next revival is at East Union, and begins March 24. We are glad to learn of Brother Darling's success in the work of saving souls on the Pacific coast.

Brother I. D. Bowman is now in Johnstown, holding a meeting in the Moxham church. He closed his work in Nappanee, Indiana, church with 30 accessions, certainly a very splendid and successful effort. The Nappanee papers have this to say of the meeting: Rev. Bowman of Philadelphia, an evangelist of considerable ability and force, who has been conducting a series of meetings for the Brethren church on Walnut street, treated his large congregation last Sunday evening to a forcible sermon on the temperance question as it affects Nappanee. There were some pointed remarks for the benefit of weak-kneed brethren who refuse to sign a remonstrance against the saloon business. Rev. Bowman said that the church man who refused to sign a remonstrance against the saloon was no better than the saloon man himself, or words to that effect. Some people carried away with them things to think about. Rev. Bowman's meetings have been the most successful held in Nappanee this season, having had twenty one converts up to Sunday evening. The meetings continue each evening this week, closing Sunday evening.

Another paper, evidently of later date adds the following: The series of successful meetings held at the Brethren church closed Sunday night and Rev. Bowman has returned home. There were 30 conversions during the meetings. Rev. B. H. Flora, the present pastor who has been here for several years, enjoys the confidence of his church people and the membership has grown from a small class to a large and influential congregation.

The three articles in this issue by brethren C. F. Yoder, B. C. Moomaw and E. L. Yoder, in reply to Brother Cassel's article of two weeks ago, are not solicited contributions. It is but fair to the authors of these articles, to the publishers, the editor and Brother Cassel himself that this statement should be made. The editor's views on the optimistic side of this question we presume are pretty generally known, and the appearance of the three articles in the same issue of the paper might be interpreted as a special effort on the part of the editor. They are unsolicited contributions tho none the less welcome on that account. We are glad for these articles, and we presume Brother Cassel is also. The article by Brother Cassel two weeks ago on "Optimism vs. Pessimism" was the third one within the last year along the same line of thought, but only the last one elicited replies. The reader must not conclude therefore that "optimism" gets three articles to "pessimism" one. It has been the other way, with a sermon decidedly pessimistic for next week. If the discussion is to be prolonged let it be in the spirit of fairness and with but one object in view, the glory of God and the welfare of his creatures. There is a kind of controversy which the apostle Paul condemns, but the discussion of any subject, whether controversial or not, that has for its object the better understanding of the word of God must result in good.